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## "New Deal" For The British Commonwealth

### Hongkong People In Plane Accident

Singapore, Mar. 30.—A British Overseas Airways Corporation flying boat, carrying 13 passengers from Hongkong to Singapore yesterday, forced-landed at Catlai, in Saigon, after one engine caught fire.

A BOAC official said distress signals were picked up at Singapore but the pilot had extinguished the fire while the aircraft was still airborne before landing safely.—Reuter.

**ENGINE ON FIRE**  
Details of the force-landing were obtained from the Hongkong office of the BOAC by a Telegraph reporter this morning.

An official described the accident as "nothing more than aggravated engine failure." He said that the flying-boat left Hongkong at 8 a.m. At noon, one of the four engines gave trouble, eventually catching fire. The fire was quickly put out with chemical extinguishers, and the aircraft landed normally at Saigon two hours later.

All the passengers were safe, he said, and a relief aircraft had been sent to pick them up. They would arrive in Singapore this afternoon.

The thirteen passengers are: Miss L. E. Y. Fong, S/Ldr. L. Newbould, Mr. J. H. E. Stephens, Mr. H. B. McDowell, Mr. A. G. Brechley, Mr. C. H. Ellis, Commander C. R. Williams, Mr. J. L. Tate, Mr. Wen Ping, Mrs. Goh Mien Lee, Mrs. Peh Peck Hoon, Mr. Yap Kah Hoe and Mr. W. E. Kirby.

### Grocers To Defy Govt.

Paris, Mar. 29.—French grocers have decided to defy the Government by beginning the unrationed sale of chocolate, lard, margarine, vegetable and edible fats from April 5, and oil and all milk products from May 1.

The decision of the Grocers Federation was announced today after a private meeting last night. It was followed by a statement from the High Commissioner for food supplies, warning the grocers that "hasty action" would endanger a progressive return to the freedom of food sales.—Reuter.

### Sokolovsky Promoted

London, Mar. 29.—Moscow Radio said today that Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Commander-in-Chief in Germany, had been named first Deputy Minister of the Russian Armed Forces. It said Marshal Sokolovsky was "simultaneously relieved of his post as chief of the Soviet occupation forces in Germany."

The announcement came in the form of a communiqué of the Council of Ministers or the Cabinet. Army General V. I. Chulikov was named Commander-in-Chief of Russian forces in Germany. Government there, a post of which Marshal Sokolovsky was also relieved, according to Radio Moscow.—United Press.

### Destroyer Launched

London, Mar. 29.—Britain's largest destroyer, the 2,600-ton Decoy, was launched here today. The ship, the first in the "D" class, will have six 4.5-inch and six other guns and two torpedo tubes.—Reuter.

## BELIEVED TO BE A MAJOR SUBJECT FOR PMs' CONFERENCE

London, Mar. 29.—A new concept of Empire may be developed when the Commonwealth Prime Ministers meet in Downing Street next month for their second full-scale conference within seven months. The meeting, officially regarded as one of the most momentous in Commonwealth history, will open on April 21 and is expected to last about a week.

The Prime Minister, in making the announcement in the House of Commons, told Members that the Prime Ministers will consider "certain constitutional questions" not fully discussed at the last Commonwealth Conference in October. While his short statement did not elaborate on the topics that the Commonwealth leaders will discuss, political quarters said they anticipated there would be two major points:

1.—A possible "New Deal" for the Empire, involving a formula to re-state the position of the countries which may declare themselves independent republics.

2.—Military problems, including those raised by the Atlantic Pact and the spread of Communism in South East Asia and the Far East.

Broadly speaking, officials which are likely to be discussed result from the avowed determination of Eire, India and Pakistan to become independent republics.

The question is whether such republics can be accepted as members of the Commonwealth and, if so, on what terms.

Allegiance to the Crown is considered to be one of the stumbling blocks and it is believed that proposals may be advanced for keeping the republics in the Commonwealth while allowing the right to refuse allegiance.

**STATEMENT PROMISED**  
The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, has refused to commit himself on future relationships with the Commonwealth. In reply to a Congress Party demand that India would not associate with the Commonwealth until it "was radically altered on the basis of racial equality, the fullest liberty and democracy," Mr. Nehru said it was impossible to give "guarantees beforehand."

Mr. Attlee promised Mr. Stanley Olver, the Opposition Conservative spokesman, who welcomed his statement on behalf of the Opposition, that a full statement would be made after the conference and that the House of Commons would have a full opportunity to debate any major decisions.

Mr. Stanley, for the Opposition, said he was sure the whole House was glad to hear that so many of the Prime Ministers had been able to wish a successful outcome to the conference, he added.

"We trust that at the conclusion of the proceedings a full statement will be made and that the House and that of any major decisions are taken, there will be a full opportunity to debate them."

Mr. Attlee replied: "Certainly. I cannot of course say specifically at the moment what the statement will be, but I will certainly see to it that the House is kept informed."

**GAMMANS' QUESTION**  
Mr. Geoffrey Nicholson, Conservative, asked whether any arrangements would be made for the Members of all parties to meet the statesmen informally throughout the conference.

The Prime Minister replied: "I would like to consider that, but I have had messages from some of the statesmen saying that, in view of the shortness of the time they will be over here and the amount of work to be done, they do not wish to have very extensive hospitality offered them."

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, asked if it was proposed to discuss the growth of Communism in Asia and the general deterioration of the situation in certain parts of Asia.

Mr. Attlee replied that he preferred to add anything to his statement.

Mr. Attlee later told the House of Commons that certain "confidential proposals" had been sent back to various Governments for their approval.

These would be made known to the House in due course.

### BRITISH HOUSEWIVES DEMONSTRATE

London, Mar. 29.—Two women paced the sidewalk outside the House of Commons, each carrying a tray on which was displayed a week's food ration, except meat, for one person. This was part of a demonstration organised by the British Housewives' League against the present rationing in Britain.

The League's Secretary, Mrs. P. Horrocks, said: "It is the cut in the meat which was the climax—the last straw which made us decide on this demonstration."

About a dozen other League members distributed leaflets. After 15 minutes, a policeman told the two tray carriers that they were creating an obstruction and asked them to walk elsewhere.—Reuter.

## Israeli And Transjordan Accept Draft Armistice

London, Mar. 29.—The Transjordan and Israel delegates at Rhodes today accepted a draft armistice hammered out in 25 days of tough negotiations by the Palestine Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

Dr. Bunche handed over the draft reply early today at his "peace headquarters". Immediately after the meeting, said to have gone "smoothly," the two chief representatives flew back to Tel-Aviv and Amman to consult their Governments.

An official United Nations statement said: "Outstanding problems" still existed, but a spokesman would not say what they were. It was not thought the problems included difficulties about Akaba, the Transjordan port on the Gulf of Akaba, where British troops are stationed within sight of an Israeli force.

Mr. Reuven Shiloah, the chief Israeli delegate, said final contacts with the two Governments would not take long—"just a day or two." It has been predicted that the armistice between Israel and Transjordan would probably be signed over the weekend.

### THIRD ARMISTICE

The armistice will be the third between Israel and the Arabs. Tel-Aviv has already come to terms with Egypt and the Lebanon. Talks with Syria are expected to begin soon.

Brigadier General William Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, and Mr. Henri Vigier, the personal assistant of Dr. Bunche flew to Damascus today. They will confer with the Syrian Government prior to the opening of the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks.

Colonel Ahmed Jundi, head of the Transjordan armistice delegation, left for Amman by the same plane.

Israel and Transjordan will reduce their forces in the Akaba area under a draft armistice agreed to by chief delegates at Rhodes, who were tonight on their way back to Tel-Aviv and Amman to consult their Governments. It was reliably learned.

Observers here declare this agreement showed that Israeli had come to terms with Britain and Transjordan, and through Israeli delegation crises here do not expect any further complications. The size of the forces in Akaba had been considered the likely stumbling block.

### CRUCIAL POINTS

The crucial points so much talked about when the negotiations opened, such as the blocked districts of Jerusalem, the Latrun district and access to the holy places, must await further negotiations between the two Governments, it was understood. The armistice agreement will merely confirm the demarcation lines along the entire front, adjusting them slightly to improve the positions of one of the other side or to create an adequate "No Man's Land."

The agreed distribution of forces in the Wadi Araba area and around Akaba was still a strictly guarded secret. It was believed, however, that the present strength of the British forces were taken into consideration in establishing the Israeli forces in the demilitarised belts.

The only outstanding matter appeared to be the armistice line between Hebron and the western shores of the Dead Sea, which United Nations observers were working out on the spot.

## Embassy Protests Gaoling Of GIs

Prague, Mar. 29.—The United States Embassy lodged a sharp protest with the Czech Foreign Office today after being told that two American soldiers it has been trying to contact since December had been sentenced to 12 and 10 years' hard labour for espionage.

News of the sentences, passed three days ago after a secret trial, was released today in an official 80-word Czech statement, which gave no details of the charges, but said the two American "crossed the frontier illegally last December with the intention of spying in Czechoslovakia."

Mr. Joseph E. Jacobs, the U.S. Ambassador, promptly protested that the men had been tried without regard for the rights and safeguards due to any person accused of such a serious offence.

### "ABSDUR" CHARGE

He vowed the case "with serious concern" and complained that the Embassy, despite repeated representations, had been denied the right to see the two Americans.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the espionage charge was "absurd on the face of it."

According to reports the two soldiers, George Jones and Clarence Hill, had crossed the frontier on foot and were arrested while dancing in a village cafe near the border. They were reported by the Czechs to have been without documents, and obviously if they had been sent on a special mission—as alleged by the Czechs—would have been furnished with papers, the spokesman added.

Hill, sentenced to 12 years, and Jones, to 10 years, were posthumously declared deserters in Germany in December and regarded as deserters.

### CENSORED LETTER

The American Embassy said it had learned earlier this month that the Czech security authorities intended to charge the soldiers, but received no news of their whereabouts and no replies to repeated requests that a United States official be permitted to visit them.

It had received a censored letter from Hill, dated January 15, when the two men were believed to be held in prison at Pilsen.

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### EDITORIAL

## Practical KRA Suggestions

THE Kowloon Residents' Association March report is a useful reminder that there is in existence an organisation which strives to represent and interpret public needs and interests on the northern side of the harbour. The latest statement from the KRA deals with two subjects of immediate concern—bathing beach huts and the continued practice of obstructing ground floor halls and stairways of dwelling houses with miniature shops and stalls. Concerning bathing beach huts, a special KRA sub-committee says that it has no complaint about Government's method of allocating sheds, nor with the rental charged. But it does feel that Government is failing to offer a long enough tenureship to encourage permittees to put the existing huts into a proper state of use. The sub-committee's investigations disclose that last year only 10 percent of the "A" class sheds had received very good repairs; some 15 percent qualified for good repairs; 45 percent minor repairs; and 30 percent no repairs at all. There are other statistics which should attract Government's attention. In the 1948 season a mere 10 percent of the "C" type of sheds were occupied; half of the "B" type were used; all of the "A" class were in constant use. From these researches, Government must make up its mind—and that quickly—whether its existing system of farming out bathing sheds is entering in the fullest degree to public needs. If it is a fact that only 10 percent of those who are successful in the ballot for "C" type huts are thereafter making use of them during the summer, there can be only one conclusion—that the system is a failure. And if it is also a fact that on the more popular and accessible beaches less than 30 percent of permittees are carrying out adequate repairs to sheds, then some inducement should be made for them to carry out proper rehabilitation and maintenance. The KRA has an irresistible argument in favour of this

when it recalls that the Government has admitted that it will be some years before it is in a position to restore, or build and maintain appropriate types of bathing sheds. Such being the case, Government must find an alternative scheme which will guarantee the beaches being adorned with sheds that meet the minimum requirements of decency. The KRA have suggestions which deserve the Authorities' closest attention. Moreover, although allocations have already been made for the coming summer, it is still not too late to embody the proposals in the current lessee conditions. Firstly, a permit of five years, suggested because it will encourage permittees to spend some money on their hired property; secondly "A" class structures to be maintained to the satisfaction of the New Territories Commissioner; thirdly new sheds to be erected and maintained also to the satisfaction of the Commissioner; fourthly, suitable annual rent; fifthly no subletting or assigning; sixthly, option of renewal for one year should there be insufficient applicants for sheds; seventhly, on expiry of permit, all repairs, fixtures, and so on to remain the property of the Government and beyond the legal power of the permittee to remove; eighthly, deposits of \$250 by holders of "A" class sheds with the New Territories Commissioner to ensure "proper performance of the conditions." These have all the earmarks of practical suggestions under which bathing sheds and sites could be let by Government until what time it is in a position to assume full responsibility for their creation and upkeep. And the fulfillment of these conditions means that bathing beaches would immediately become more attractive to their users, and, even more important, would permit Government eventually to take over decent, habitable sheds at little, or no cost. We feel that Government should give the KRA suggestions its most serious and sympathetic attention.

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# WOMANSENSE

London Fashions

by **SUSAN DEACON**

## Grey is the colour for spring

Whipcord  
coats are  
back again

WITH the hope of  
warmer weather,  
most women are  
giving thought to their  
spring clothes.

Light-weight coats and suits  
are reaching the shops now.

You will find a wider choice if  
you do not leave spring shopping  
until Easter is almost here.  
You need time, too, to get any  
alterations done.

Decide on your basic colour  
before you start the search—  
and do not be persuaded away  
from it.

It is better to choose a colour  
which will not date, and one  
with which you can wear inter-  
changeable accessories.

Looks well with navy  
or black.

Grey is your wisest choice. It  
looks well when worn with navy  
or black. This season it is  
being worn with a light tan  
brown.

Grey, too, goes with grey. A  
light grey suit, worn with dark  
grey accessories, blouse, and hat  
is high fashion; it is a flattering  
colour, easy to wear, and ageless.

I liked most of all the grey  
worsted suit, in Hunting Mac-  
Pherson tartan, shown in the  
sketch.

It has the new straight skirt  
with a loose centre back fly-  
away panel.

The jacket has a shaped waist,  
long elongated waistcoat points,  
let buttons. It can be worn open  
or closed at the throat.

The suit looks equally smart  
with town accessories and high-  
heeled shoes or with brogues  
and a beret.

It is important, when buying  
a suit, to choose a material  
which has a close weave so that  
the skirt does not "sit out."

Never wear the skirt without  
the jacket, and keep the collar  
of the jacket well brushed and  
free from make-up.

The coat in the sketch is in  
pale grey whipcord, and is  
medium priced, selling at a  
little over £8.



Hunting MacPherson tartan, red  
and black on grey, is used for  
the suit, which has let buttons,  
a waistcoat basque, and loose  
back panel. The whipcord coat,  
in pale grey, has a twin button  
fastening, belted pockets and  
a deep collar.

It has this season's Princess  
line, a fitting waist without  
being nipped in, belted  
pockets and twin button fasten-  
ings.

Remember that a smooth  
fabric looks better than  
material with a woolly surface—  
however pale the colour.

Summer clothes need cleaning  
more frequently than winter  
clothes. A material belt backed  
with leather will not clean. The  
leather perishes.

There are many more  
medium-priced coats in the  
shops.

I saw one in beige and green  
Scotch tweed selling at £14.  
It has long revers, was well  
tailored, and fastened with  
buttons at the waist.

## WHEN A COUPLE EXPECT A BABY

By **GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.**

ABOUT the most strategic  
event in the building of a  
happy family is when both the  
husband and wife know the  
first baby is to be expected. It  
is fortunate if this is welcome  
knowledge. Even if it is not,  
the baby can be eagerly wanted  
by both the wife and husband  
long before its birth, in case  
both husband and wife act  
intelligently.

Of first importance is for the  
couple to find a physician  
who will properly care for the  
pregnant wife and, eventually,  
deliver the baby. It is wonderful  
if the husband goes with his  
pregnant wife on that first  
visit and helps to make sure  
that her subsequent visits are  
regular in accordance with the  
physician's instructions. This  
physician not only checks  
her condition from time to  
time, but also advises her on  
proper diet and regulation of  
her activities.

Now husbands may suppose  
they have no responsibility, no  
part in the expectancy but to be  
proud they are to be fathers and  
thankful they are men.

### Big Obligation

Really, the man's obligation  
as an expectant father is very  
great. He has the opportunity  
to prove the kind of stuff he is  
made of. His character is on  
trial. Almost any man can be  
agreeable, considerate and  
chivalrous to his wife during  
the honeymoon; but to be gen-  
erous, considerate and generous  
with affection, to exercise the  
nice amenities, to extend the  
courtesies of courtship days  
through the months of waiting  
for the baby, towards the wife  
who during this interval is not  
always cheery and optimistic,  
and who gives occasional or

frequent evidence of physical  
discomfort, a man must possess  
some of the very best qualities  
of chivalry.

You will be guided by ideals.  
You will exercise will power;  
you will discipline yourself; you  
will especially guard your  
actions and your words; you  
will you be easily annoyed. You  
will learn to smile and seem  
optimistic, learn to express  
tenderness and affection  
generously, learn to praise the  
efforts and achievements of  
your wife and the qualities in  
her personality you always  
admired. All such efforts are  
many a man would consider  
very small if he only knew the  
price being paid by her who is  
to bear the child, his child and  
hers.

### Social Custom

Many of us grow up amid a  
social custom which punishes a  
pregnant wife by expecting her,  
when noticeably with child, to  
keep herself hidden, to avoid  
mingling with other people, at  
the very time when no one else  
in the world needs normal  
social contacts and a wide  
diversity of recreation more  
than she does.

Now you want to be the  
father of a healthy, happy child  
born to a healthy, happy  
mother. Therefore, make the  
expectant mother want to go  
with you anywhere as long as  
she can go with reasonable  
physical comfort. Go walking  
with her for mere recreation.  
Go with her to church, to the  
theatre and to other social  
functions, and invite her friends  
and yours into the home,  
provided you do not add to her  
domestic work and worry. See  
that she has more social contacts  
now than ever before, and that  
you share in most of them.

## Facts to Know About a Sprain

By **HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.**

MOST of us at some time or  
another have suffered or  
will suffer from a sprain, so it  
is well that we know something  
about this condition.

There seem to be two types of  
sprains, one in which the joint  
is affected and the other in  
which the muscles are over-  
stretched and injured.

With a sprain in which there  
is joint injury, there is im-  
mediate swelling, probably due  
to bleeding in the joint in most  
cases. In other instances, there  
is pain and limited movement  
which is followed by swelling  
in about 12 to 24 hours.

With regard to injuries of the  
wrist, sprains do not occur as  
often as many persons think. In  
most cases, when a trouble-  
develops which is thought to be  
due to a sprain, there is really  
a break in the bone called the  
navicular bone in the wrist.

### Difficult To See

A fracture or break of this  
bone may be difficult to see in  
an X-ray plate, so that it is  
advisable, if a wrist injury does  
not seem to be getting well as  
rapidly as it should, that an  
X-ray examination be repeated  
within seven to ten days, when  
the break in the bone will be  
more readily seen.

There is a sign, known as  
Murphy's sign, which indicates  
that such a break is present.  
The sign consists of pounding  
on the knuckle of the bone  
which is behind the index  
finger. If a break of the navicu-  
lar bone is present, the pain  
becomes more severe.

## The Kitchen Knife Goes Glamorous

By **ELIZABETH TOOMEY**

If you never thought of your  
kitchen paring knife as a  
thing of glamour, then you  
should have seen it resting in  
state at a showing given by the  
cutlery industry in New York.

Rows and rows of gleaming  
kitchen knives were arranged on  
tables in the Terrace Room of  
the swank Plaza Hotel. Waiters  
in tuxedos hovered at the  
guests' elbows with fancy hors  
d'oeuvres. And the guests  
brandished butcher knives as  
casually as they ate caviar.

Cutlery manufacturers, on  
hand along with the cream of  
the new kitchen knife crop,  
were full of advice on buying  
and caring for kitchen equip-  
ment.

### Fork Also Useful

To prove that they're broad-  
minded, the knife makers  
included a fork in a list of the  
"basic six" pieces every kitchen  
should have.

A paring knife topped the list  
of kitchen necessities. Next  
came a utility knife slightly  
longer than a paring knife. It  
is handy for slicing tomatoes,  
melons or grapefruit.

A long, thin slicer with a  
blade from eight to ten inches  
long for cutting cold meats and  
sandwiches was third on the list.  
Fourth came a sturdy carving  
knife. And fifth came the  
bone fork—a long-handled model  
billed as "indispensable for  
turning or removing meats from  
the oven or for stirring  
spaghetti, noodles or vegetables  
in boiling water."

A piece of sharpening steel  
was last on the list. Sharpening  
a knife isn't a one-in-a-while  
thing to the experts. They  
advise a few strokes of the  
knife on the sharpening steel  
before each use.

### Separation Advised

The fine cutting edge of a  
knife bends over in use. You  
won't notice it with the naked  
eye, but when you find yourself  
sawing the grapefruit you'll  
know the sharpening steel has  
been in the drawer for too long.

One common abuse the  
cutlery men would like to  
correct is the habit of tossing  
the carving knife in the drawer  
with a lot of other kitchen  
equipment. The edges get  
rubbed or knocked by other  
metal pieces. They have par-  
tially overcome this abuse by  
putting sets of knives out in  
handy racks to be hung on the  
wall or to fit into a drawer.  
Then each knife can be kept  
separately. Other knives come  
with plastic cases to slip over  
the blades when they're in the  
drawer.

If you must keep all your  
knives in one drawer, the  
cutlery experts suggest separate  
compartments with no more  
than three knives in one com-  
partment. A good kitchen knife  
properly cared for, they claim,  
is a lifetime investment.

## Make-Up and Dress Harmony



After making a careful choice of lipstick to go with the costume she plans to wear, Movie Star Janet Blair applies it with a brush.

By **HELEN FOLLETT**

THAT the colours of the  
clothes we wear must  
direct make-up to a certain ex-  
tent every woman with a  
discerning eye must have found  
out for herself. For instance,  
the red hat, or the one with red  
facing, throws a glow upon the  
face, hence the synthetic blush  
must be dispensed with or  
applied with light touch. A  
grey frock, draining the skin of  
natural colouring, calls for a  
more generous use of the com-  
mercial blush. With the white  
frock the facial bulk must be  
toned down; with black it can  
be a bit more vivid. The  
mirror should direct one. It  
will if the eye is colour-trained.

The importance of the selec-  
tion of powder isn't to be passed  
over lightly. The main choice is  
between the ivory, rachelles,  
flesh tints and those indefinable  
shades that remind you of the  
colour of the tea rose, a pinkish  
yellow. Slightly darker than  
the natural colouring, the pow-  
der should be. If it is lighter,  
it will not give the complexion  
that soft, gardenia appearance  
that is flattering.

Rouge runs through all the  
trends, orange, red and  
raspberry tints. Avoid the old-  
fashioned carmine. It is too  
lithographic and is definitely  
out these days when natural  
effects are what the beauty  
experts order.

Between rouge and lipstick  
there must be a close colour  
bond.

To apply rouge and powder  
directly after the soapy face  
washing is a mistake; the flesh  
should be conditioned. You can  
apply a light cream, if you  
can play with a foundation  
cosmetic. The advantage of the  
foundation is that it makes  
powder stick.

As fashions in clothes change,  
so do fashions in faces. It's fun  
to march with the crowd, keep  
in step. For the sake of one's  
family one should never lag.  
The children are proud of their  
pretty mother and can't bear to  
have her look out of date.

## Let's Eat

BY  
**IDA BAILEY ALLEN**



## Tasty Corned Beef Platter

THE Chef bought five pounds  
of corned beef, and in the  
testing kitchen we discussed  
several ways in which it might  
be used.

"We can make the narrow  
slices of corned beef look just  
as appetising as the large  
slices," said the Chef. "For  
example, we will cook the  
corned beef; I will cut it in  
nice slices, arrange overlapping  
in the centre of a very large  
platter, and pour over a caper  
sauce. Around it I will put a  
ring of chopped cooked cabbage,  
seasoned with browned butter.  
Around this I put a ring of the  
small new beets; and for the  
border I use the duchesse potato  
put on with the pastry tube and  
bag. I garnish with the parsley  
and sliced lemon."

"A prize winning platter,  
Chef, that would look like a  
million and intrigue any family.  
Now I have some suggestions;  
there's no law that we have to  
serve corned beef sliced. Why  
not boil or pressure-cook it,  
then cut it in bite-sized pieces,  
add a tin of peas, heat this in  
cream sauce seasoned with a  
hint of onion and mustard, and  
serve it on a large platter in a  
ring of brown rice. And I'll  
border this platter with sweet-  
sour string beans and fried  
sliced tomato."

"Madame, your platter will  
share the prize," said the Chef  
gallantly.

### Dinner

Chilled Tomato Juice  
Corned Beef  
with Horseradish Cream Sauce  
Flaky Whole Potatoes  
Sweet-Sour Cabbage Hot Biscuits  
Butter or Margarine  
Lemon Farina Snow with:  
Strawberries  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
All Measurements Are Level  
Unless Served Four

Corned Beef  
with Horseradish Cream  
Sauce

Buy 5 lbs. plate corned beef  
(or use 4 lbs. brisket). Wash the  
meat, place in a kettle, cover  
with cold water, add 1 tsp.  
vinegar, bring slowly to boiling  
point, and discard the water.  
Then cover the corned beef  
with boiling water. Cover close-  
ly and simmer until tender  
about 2 1/2 hrs. for plate corned  
beef, 3 hrs. for a thicker cut. If  
desired, the whole potatoes may  
be cooked in the liquid with the  
corned beef the last 40 min. milk and bake.

But the cabbage should be cook-  
ed separately in boiling water,  
as it is to be "sweet-sour."

When the corned beef is done,  
cut off the excess fat, slice the  
meat in thin, crosswise pieces  
and arrange overlapping on a  
hot large platter. Pour over hot  
horseradish cream sauce. Pile  
flaky whole parissed potatoes  
at one end; put the sweet-sour  
cabbage at the other end, and  
garnish with bread and butter  
pickles.

### Horseradish Cream Sauce

In a sauce-pan melt 2 tbsp.  
butter or margarine; stir in 2  
tbsp. flour; slowly add 1 c. meat  
stock or 1 c. water and 1  
bouillon cube. Stir and boil for  
3 min. Then add 1 tsp. sugar,  
2 tbsp. grated horseradish, 1  
tbsp. vinegar and a few grains  
salt. Heat a moment; then stir  
in 1/2 c. soured cream.

### Sweet-Sour Cabbage

Fine-shred enough fresh crisp  
cabbage to make a 2 1/2 qt. bowl  
packed down. Add 2 tart apples,  
peeled and sliced thin. Heat 2  
tbsp. bacon, sausage or ham fat  
in a large frying pan; add the  
cabbage and apples. Stir until  
they begin to wilt. Pour in 1 1/2  
c. boiling water; add 1 tsp. salt  
and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Cover and  
cook until barely tender. Stir in  
1 tsp. brown sugar mixed with  
2 tsp. flour, 2 tsp. vinegar and  
1 tsp. cold water. Simmer 3  
min.

### Lemon Farina Snow

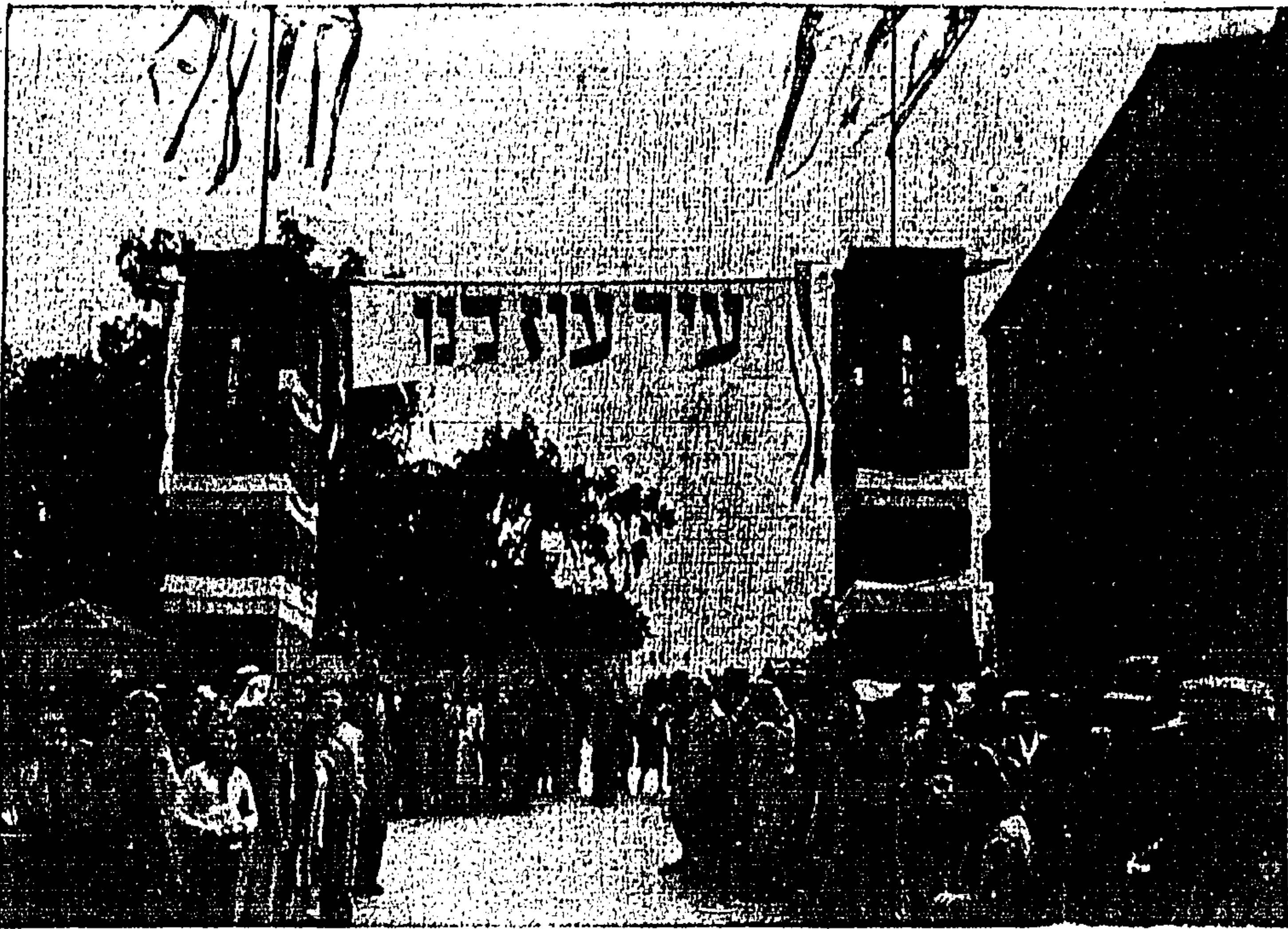
Mix together 1/4 c. enriched  
farina, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/3 c. sugar,  
2 tsp. margarine and 2 tsp.  
grated lemon rind. Stir into 2 1/2  
c. boiling water; continue to  
simmer 5 min., stirring occa-  
sionally. And 2 tsp. lemon  
juice. Meanwhile, beat 2 egg  
whites stiff and gradually beat  
in 3 tbsp. granulated sugar.  
Fold in the cooked farina.  
Transfer to custard cups, first  
rinsed in cold water, and chill.  
To serve, unmould in deep sauce  
dishes and pour over plenty of  
sliced strawberries which have  
been sweetened and allowed to  
stand a few minutes to form  
juice.

### Trick Of The Chef

To save time, make baking  
powder biscuits in square shape.  
Just roll the dough into an  
oblong 1/4 in. thick, and cut in  
small squares with a knife, first  
dipped in flour, then brush with  
corned beef the last 40 min. milk and bake.



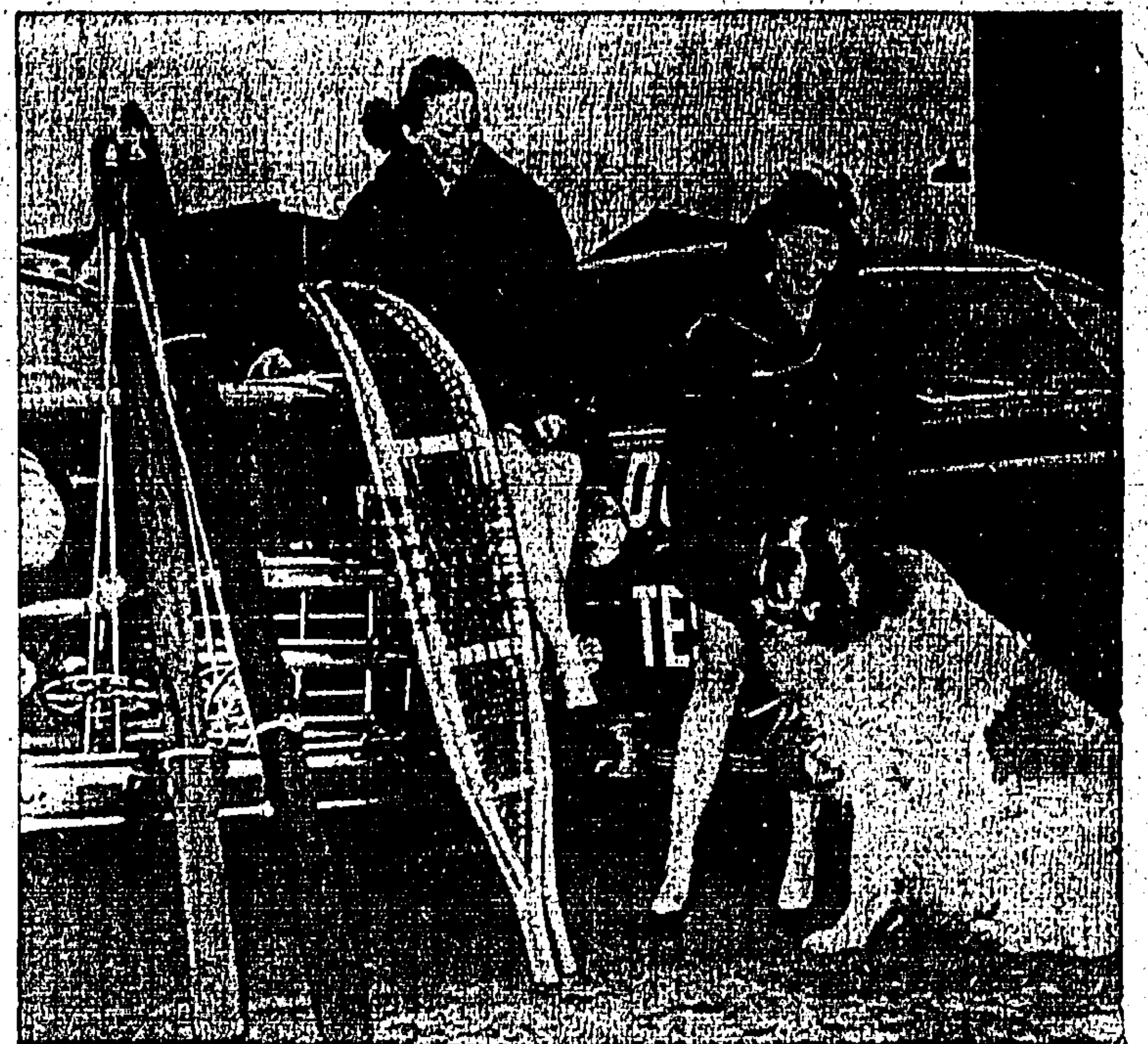
# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**GREETING THE PRESIDENT**—Residents of Jerusalem lined the streets to welcome their new President, Chaim Weizmann, when he entered the city for the first time as head of the Israeli government. A hastily-erected Arch of Triumph was built in honour of the occasion.



**PHOTO MISS**—Showgirl Rosemary Williamson was chosen "Miss Photography" in New York. She seems to have been the logical choice.



**ENDURANCE RUN**—Nancy Berg, right, and Ardis Kenealy check over their equipment, which includes a rescue dog, in Detroit, before they depart for Fairbanks, Alaska. The 8,000-mile trip will be an endurance test to demonstrate the dependability of new cars under adverse conditions.



**WATERY GREETINGS**—These girls show precision plus as they zoom along at 30 miles an hour in Cypress Gardens, Florida. Getting into echelon formation, each holds one of her skis in the air to execute the water skier's salute.



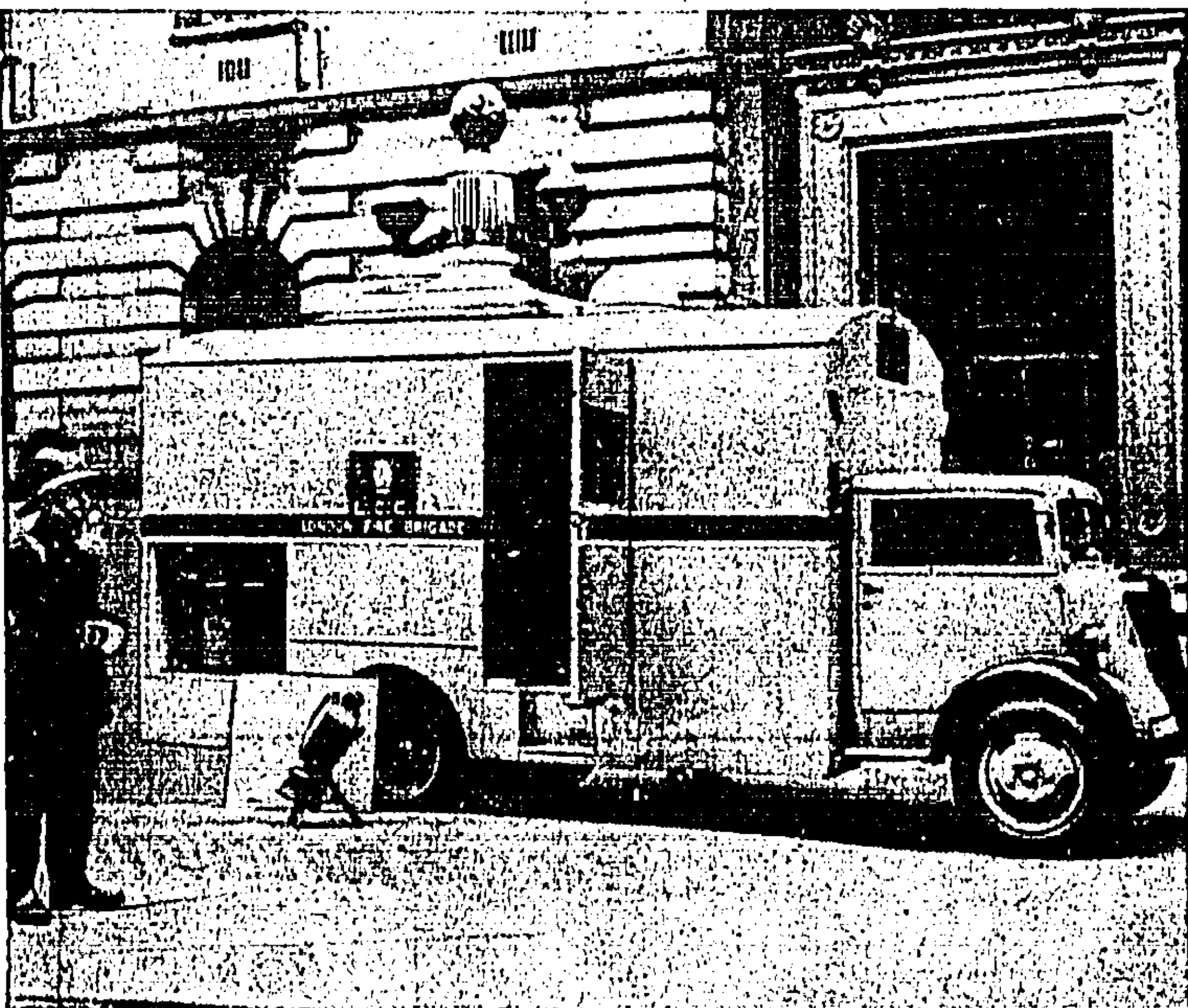
**I KNOW YOU**—Sandy, a Belgian shepherd, got well acquainted with Dot and Dash, two dachshunds, on shipboard. These pets, which arrived at New York from Germany, belong to GIs on their way home.



**LIGHT PASSENGER**—Being carefully stowed into a USAF Dakota at Southampton is 10-day-old Mary Lynne Jarrett. Born on the SS Queen Mary, Mary Lynne is being lifted aboard the plane by her father, Edward J. Jarrett, who is on his way to Burtonwood Air Base, where he is a civil engineer.



**THAT'S AN ORDER**—These Russian soldiers, after parading through Berlin in celebration of the Red Army's 31st anniversary, climbed on to the Soviet War Memorial to take pictures. But the officer made them come down.



**RADIO-CONTROLLED FIRE EQUIPMENT**—A London fireman uses a walkie-talkie to speak with the mobile radio transmitter-receiver truck from which fire fighting will be directed. The truck will contact firemen and headquarters and is able to call up needed reserves.



**HEAP GOOD FUN**—Idaho's Nez Perce Indians are taking up the paleface game of golf. Joe Durgan, right, a professional, explains the finer points of using a golf club at the opening of a three-hole course on the tribal reservation at Lapwai.



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## Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

THE streets of New York were ankle deep in dollar bills.

They fluttered like confetti from the windows of the tall buildings. Men on the sidewalks opened their note cases and emptied their pockets, thickening the carpet of money about their feet.

Stenographers turned their handbags upside down, weeping as they hung their week's wages in the gutter. Intoxicated women from the hotels and restaurants screamed and laughed and blubbered as they threw their gold jewellery down the drains.

All the food stores, clothing stores, liquor stores, cafes, and bars were closed and shuttered. All transport had stopped. All places of entertainment were shut. Most of the bewildered police had gone home.

In the country districts armed farmers were guarding their stored grain, their cattle, and their poultry.

No food was being loaded on to the empty freight trains in the sidings.

There was nobody to drive the trains, nobody to operate the signals, nobody to stoke the boilers, even if the farmers had consented to part with their food.

In the churches the pastors were telling their kneeling congregations:—

"This is the great deliverance—the deliverance from Mammon. Lift up your hearts. The darkest hour is before the dawn."

In Wall Street, the Temple of Mammon, stockbrokers were shooting themselves so fast that it sounded like machine-gun fire. The bodies of those who had left their guns at home were falling from windows and plopping on the pavements with the steady regularity of heavy raindrops before a thunderstorm.

What had happened? Had Russia produced the atom bomb?

No. Russia had produced something far more deadly to the capitalist world. Read what the first flash in a New York newspaper said about it:—

"While America has spent billions of dollars producing weapons to protect her wealth, Russia has produced a weapon which has destroyed it overnight."

"The age-old dream of the alchemist has come true. While we were making bombs with atomic energy, Russia has made gold with it."

"According to an official statement issued by the Government in Moscow, atomic piles in the Urals are now able to manufacture a ton of gold a day at less cost than the production of pig iron."

"This means that all paper currencies backed by gold are now worthless; that only food, clothing, and shelter have any value."

"In Russia, it is thought that a fresh egg in New York will soon be worth more than a ton of gold"—end flash.

GOLD FLASH CORRECTION—For fresh read state.

Letter from a parrot

DEAR Sir,

As a constant reader of your valuable column, may I draw your attention to an item of news in the daily Press which states that a parrot, that continued to shout "Hell Hitler," has vanished from the Munich Zoo?

We live in difficult and dangerous times when men are once more persecuted for their beliefs. In totalitarian countries, masquerading as free democracies behind the iron curtain, politically unreliable people disappear and are never heard of again.

Although this is deplorable enough, it seems to me even more deplorable that a parrot should suffer for political opinions it never held.

Like millions of Germans who were taught to shout "Hell Hitler," I never knew why it was uttering this insane slogan.

It heard others shouting and, being a notorious mimic, shouted with them.

The only difference between the parrot of Munich and the German parrots in uniform is that the parrot of Munich does not know that Hitler is dead, and cannot therefore be aware that the slogan is now unpopular.

For all I know, there may be parrots in Russia shouting "Long live Stalin" because they have heard so many human parrots shouting it.

When history repeats itself, as it often does, and Stalin and his disciples meet the same fate as Hitler and his disciples, are the parrots of Russia to be persecuted if they are not told when to stop shouting the wrong slogan?

A parrot of my acquaintance, hatched in Germany many years ago, was brought to England shouting, "Hoch der Kaiser."

When the 1914-18 war broke out, this slogan, constantly repeated to loyal Englishmen, became an offence.

But, instead of wringing its neck, the tolerant English taught the parrot another slogan about the Kaiser, which was extremely uncomplimentary to him and also caused a great deal of amusement in the tavern

where the parrot spent its declining years shouting insults to the King's enemies, eating wings of chicken, and surrounded by admirers.

Although, as a British parrot, I do not want to appear insular, I think this incident illustrates the vast differences between the British people and foreigners.

Hoping your wife and family are well,

I remain, sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. Parrot.

Paws across the sea

MANHATTAN MOUSER, New York underworld tom and American play cat, left Southampton during the week-end for home.

Reporters crowded round the famous cat before the ship sailed.

Asked how he thought Britain was recovering after spending all her money to save the world from slavery, Manhattan Mouser said:

"I think you're doing fine. How you plucky people eat those terrible meat puddings and brussels sprouts and still keep smiling is the eighth wonder of the world."

"I shall tell President Truman, who once tickled my ears, what a wonderful, hard-working, patient, uncomplaining lot of dopes you are."

To the question: Did you meet many interesting people, Manhattan Mouser replied:—

"I certainly did. First, I met Lottie, my honey cat and star puss, who has the swiftest chassis in the world. We had a swell time, believe me."

"Then I met 'the British Ginger Cat, who is my buddy and my rough house standby."

"But the most interesting cat I met was Mr. Pussytein, who has several other monikers and does not pretend to be British, but certainly knows his way around better than the natives."

"Boy, oh boy, what a cat that Mr. Pussytein is. He has a corner in salmon heads and the best ashcan tiddies. If you want anything from caviare on to an introduction to the Prime Minister, Mr. Pussytein will fix it. On Park Lane, where he loafs around in a luxury flat, they call him Mr. Fixit, or the Contact Cat."

"I thought I was pretty smart and a fast worker, but if he is a jet-propelled aircraft I am a hansom cab."

Asked about his plans for the future, Manhattan Mouser said:—

"I am a good-time cat, and I have no plans for the future except to have a good time."

"I hope to persuade Lottie, my sugar puss, to join me in New York, where I would give her one hell of a whirl."

"I told her she would be my steady on account of my other girl friends, Pep Fuss and Cutie Cat, being quite old dolls now, who have lost their figures through hanging around the chop houses for tiddies. When a doll gets old and loses her figure, well, it's just too bad."

"But so far, Lottie, won't put her trust in me."

"Maybe she has more brains than I thought."

Party conversation

MARGARET'S father says up navies' reserves against attack by an aggressor, but what about building up whisky reserves? He says unless we can rely on large stocks of whisky in another war we shall be defeated."

"My husband says as the majority of an enlightened electorate benefit by Socialism he can't see how the Labour Party can lose next year."

"They can only lose if somebody can prove that another party will give the majority more benefits—which is going to be rather difficult."

"It's an odd thing that a Socialist Chancellor should overtax the wage-earners, or the useful people, in a community and let most of the parasites go free."

"If you're calling me a parasite because I've just made some money on the Stock Exchange, I would like to ask how you run an expensive car without earning a penny."

"I was only observing that it is rather an odd kind of Socialism."

"Margaret's father points out that he said in his book, 'The Battle of Britain,' that only a plentiful supply of whisky kept us going after Dunkirk. He thinks history might repeat itself."

"Don't let any Communist tell you about Russia's peaceful intentions now it has been revealed in the House of Commons that they began their big submarine building programme immediately the war ended."

"Brenda has spoiled every extra egg they've had with her filthy cooking."

"I suppose it hasn't occurred to anybody that the confessions at the trials in Hungary have been achieved by mesmerism?"

"My husband still maintains that the next war will be won by mesmerism—sending whole nations to sleep by radio."

"Brenda's husband is the only man in the country who likes snook—because even that is better than her filthy cooking!"

"He is the kind of fool who would choose this time to sell you some clothing coupons."

"It's all very well to say holidays for all when they've taken away so much of your money that you can't afford a holiday."

"Margaret's father warns the Government that they must be prepared on the whisky front, too."

## RADIO-ASTRONOMERS OBSERVE THE STARDUST TRAIL

— BY J.W. TAYLOR —

DURING the war, the Army Operational Research Group were set to study mysterious "echoes" which occurred in radar sets used to detect the approach of the V2 rockets menacing London. They found that they were caused by meteors.

And this is where Dr Bernard Lovell and his team of radio-astronomers came in with their pioneer work in the new science of radio-astronomy at the radar plant at Jodrell Bank, 20 miles south of Manchester. Their task was to follow up the findings of the Army, which involved going, and interpreting, radar echoes from pieces of stone or iron as small as grains of sand hurtling at 100,000 mph up in the atmosphere.

It is these specks of debris from out of the blue, and sometimes larger lumps of the same stuff, that we sometimes see as "shooting stars" on clear moonless nights. They come without warning from outer space; as they enter the atmosphere, they are ignited by friction with its gas-molecules and burn away in its oxygen, passing almost in a flash. The eye of the camera can tell little about them even at night, and nothing at all about those which come, invisible, by daylight. For four months of every year the earth travels through a vast cloud of star-dust. It has probably been doing this for thousands of years, but the astronomers never even suspected the fact until scientists started using radar for the study of meteors.

### ELECTION TRAILS

THE Jodrell Bank plant is partly constructed of War Office salvage. Its most impressive-looking part is a bowl-shaped mirror 200 feet in diameter, into which is directed an intermittent radio beam, reflected from it to the desired part of the sky. As they rush through the upper atmosphere, meteors electrify the air molecules: in other words, they leave behind them a trail of those minute "parcels of electricity" called electrons.

It is in search of these electron trails that the radar beam sweeps the sky. Just as an aeroplane coming into the beam of a searchlight reflects some of its light back to the eyes of the people beneath, so does the electron trail reflect back to the great mirror at Jodrell Bank some of the radio waves composing the radar beam.

At the research station they have devised an ingenious automatic device on which meteors "clock themselves" in. The impulse reflected back from the electron trail sets the mechanism, which makes a permanent record of what is happening—to the meteor every thousandth of a second it re-

## THE WOMAN WHO DRANK ATOMIC ENERGY

By ERIC BENNETT

DID gamma rays from a woman who had been drinking atomic energy stop the motor-car in which she was a passenger?

That is a problem which physicists and engineers have been trying to solve since the mysterious affair of the car, the coil, and the girl occurred near Newmarket on the Ipswich-Cambridge road.

It began when Mr Alfred Webber, an Ipswich publican, was asked to take a patient to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

On his way out to the village of Chelmsford, his 1937 10 h.p. Austin ran perfectly.

There he picked up the patient, a 34-year-old Mrs Catherine Wells. The car began to fire badly.

After some miles of spluttering Mr Webber examined the engine, but could find nothing wrong.

Outside Newmarket the car came to a dead stop. It was towed to a garage and overhauled. Mechanics could find no faults.

The passenger got in again and the car made its way slowly to Cambridge. After a second examination it was decided to fit the car with a new coil. It ran home perfectly.

Mr Webber handed the old coil over to Mr Thomas Halford, who runs a fleet of vans. Mr Halford examined it, put it into one of his vans, and ran it for 500 miles.

"That coil is perfect," he told me. "It works without a trace of trouble."

In the meantime it was discovered that Mrs Wells had been treated with radio-active iodine.

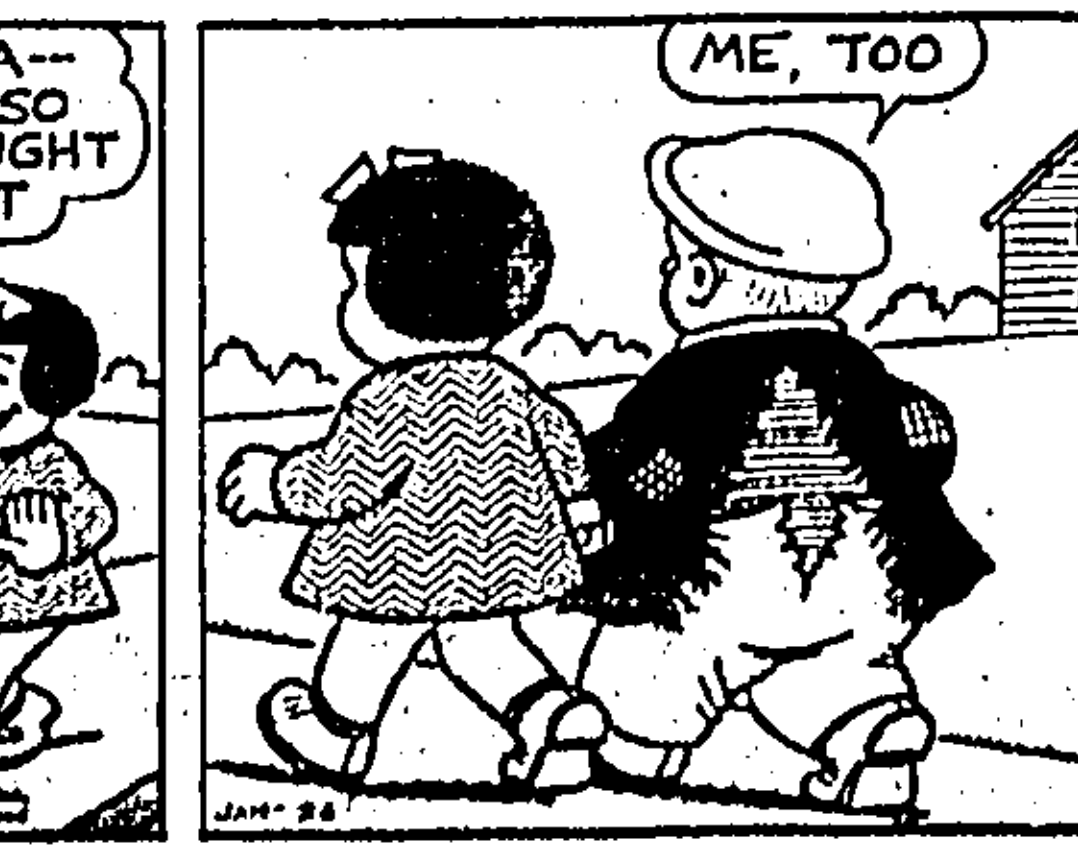
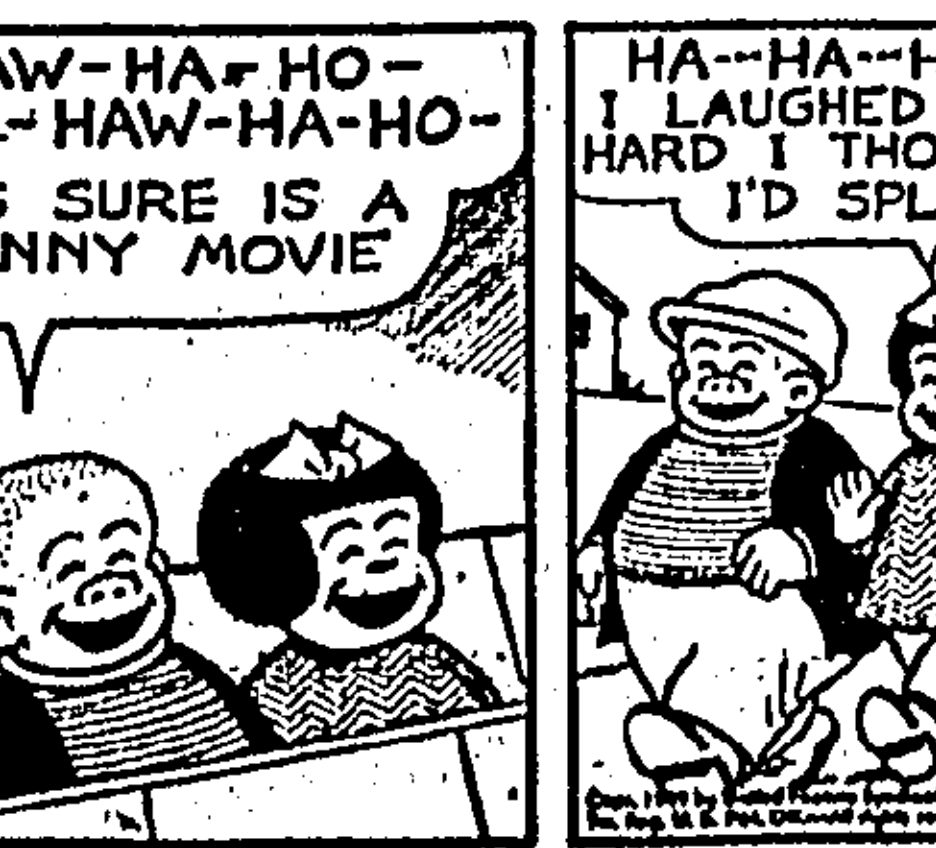
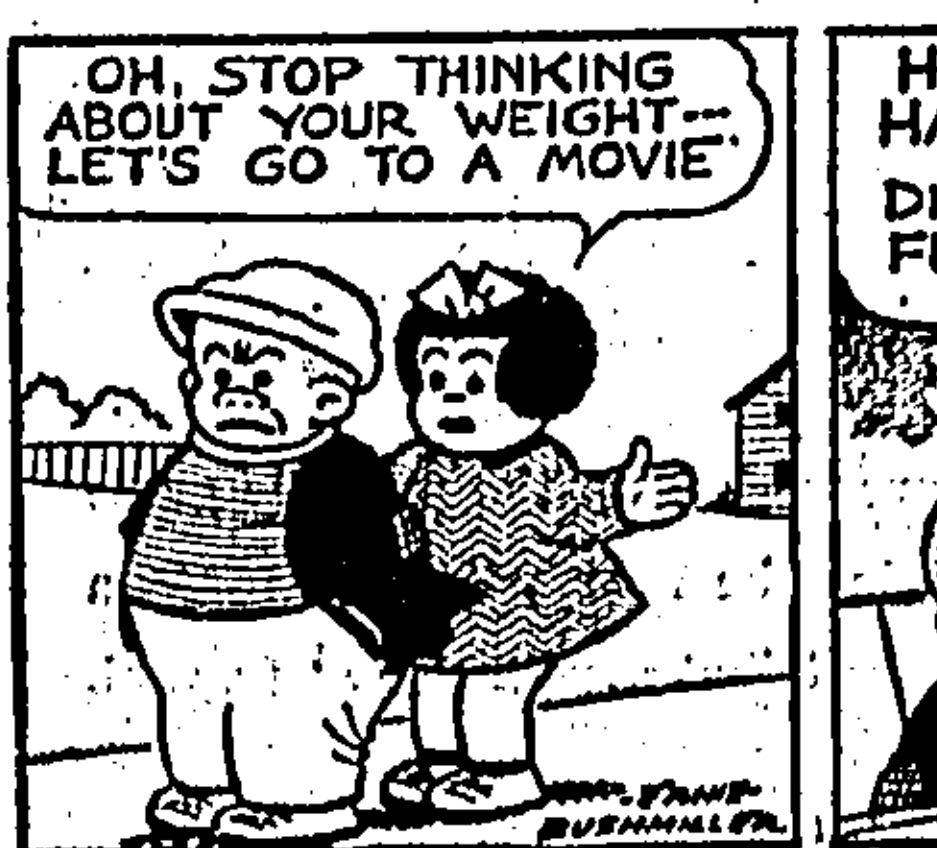
In her cottage at Pimhill-lane, Chelmsford, Mrs Wells, wife of a builder's labourer, told me:—

"I believe that I am the first patient in this country to be given radio-iodine for thyroid deficiency. I have it at the Radiotherapy Centre at Cambridge."

"I drink it in the form of a colourless liquid. The first time I had it I was isolated for three days, and the nurses who attended me wore special uniforms and masks."

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# New US Demands For Aid To China Expected

Washington, Mar. 29.—Two separate minority reports demanding all-out aid for the democratic forces in China are expected to be filed in the House of Representatives within the next few days.

The first is being prepared by two Republican Representatives, Mr. John Vorys and Mr. Walter Judd, who intend to protest against the "piecemeal" passage of foreign aid legislation and urge that full military and economic aid be afforded the Nationalist government.

## C'wealth Tariffs To Be Discussed In London

London, Mar. 29.—Representatives of the Commonwealth will meet in London on Thursday to discuss Commonwealth tariffs.

Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, will probably address the delegates from India, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Britain on the opening day, an official statement said.

The discussions are expected to last until April 5. They will be in preparation for the International Trade Conference, opening at Annecy, France, near the Swiss frontier, on April 14.

There, the present 23 contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will negotiate tariff reductions with 12 newly-acceding countries.

At the London discussions, the Commonwealth representatives will make preliminary decisions about what concessions they can grant to the new members of GATT.

Decisions, for example, will have to be made on tariffs which can be cut by one member without seriously injuring the trade of any other member of the Commonwealth.

Sweden, Finland and Denmark are the three countries newly acceding to the GATT, with which the Commonwealth will be chiefly concerned in negotiating tariff reductions at Annecy, an authoritative source said.

Some negotiations could also be expected with two other European newcomers, Italy and Greece. No further tariff concessions, beyond those agreed at Geneva in 1947, are to be negotiated at Annecy between the present members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.—Reuter.

## Yangtse Shipping Suspension

Shanghai, Mar. 30.—Navigation on the Yangtse River, in the vicinity of Anking, 200 miles southwest of Nanking, has been suspended following Communist shelling of two river steamers in that area, according to Chinese press reports today.

In one of the incidents, involving the China Merchants steamer Kiangshun, one passenger was reported killed and another injured. The firing was believed to have come from the Communist troops retreating from Anking.—Reuter.

## Patel Lost For 5 Hours

### INVOLVED IN A FORCED LANDING

New Delhi, Mar. 29.—A plane, carrying Sardar Patel, the Indian Deputy Prime Minister, and the Maharajah of Jodhpur, force-landed 30 miles from Jaipur tonight on a flight from New Delhi.

The authorities were without news of Sardar Patel for five hours. The Deputy Premier and his party motored to Jaipur, where his plane had been due at 5.35 a.m.

Sardar Patel's daughter, Maniben, and his secretary, Mr. V. Shankar, were also on the plane. Jaipur is about 150 miles southwest of New Delhi in Rajasthan Province.

Meanwhile, planes and search parties were scouring the area between New Delhi and Jaipur. Three planes were sent out from New Delhi to assist in the search. New Delhi Radio reported.

Sardar Patel was due to attend an official ceremony at Jaipur tomorrow. He is regarded as the "Strong Man" of India. In addition to being Deputy Premier, Sardar Patel is Home Minister, which gives him control of the police.

Under his direction, the Indian police have recently increased their drive against the Communists. As Minister in charge of information and broadcasting, he controls the largest propaganda organisation—outside of Russia—in all Asia.—Reuter.

## Australian Assumes Jap Names

Sydney, Mar. 29.—Frank Loyal Weaver, 22-year-old Australian who married a Japanese girl, today legally assumed her family name.

He became Tetsu Ichiro Utaka Kikugawa. He said that Kikugawa was his wife's name and the others were common Japanese names for men.

The action, which cost about £1.0.0, will be recorded in the Sydney Registrar-General's Office.

Weaver said: "I want to demonstrate that the only thing Australia has done to me is to persecute me for wanting to be with the woman I love and have married."

"I want to live as a Japanese and work for the Japanese. The Japanese treated me far better than my own countrymen."

Weaver, who married in 1947 while he was with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, made three illegal trips to Japan to rejoin his wife. He was returned to Australia at the beginning of 1948 by the Australian authorities who described him as "mentally unstable."

He was sentenced to four and a half months in prison in 1948. Now released, he is collecting signatures for a petition for his return to his wife.—United Press.

## Told To Leave United States

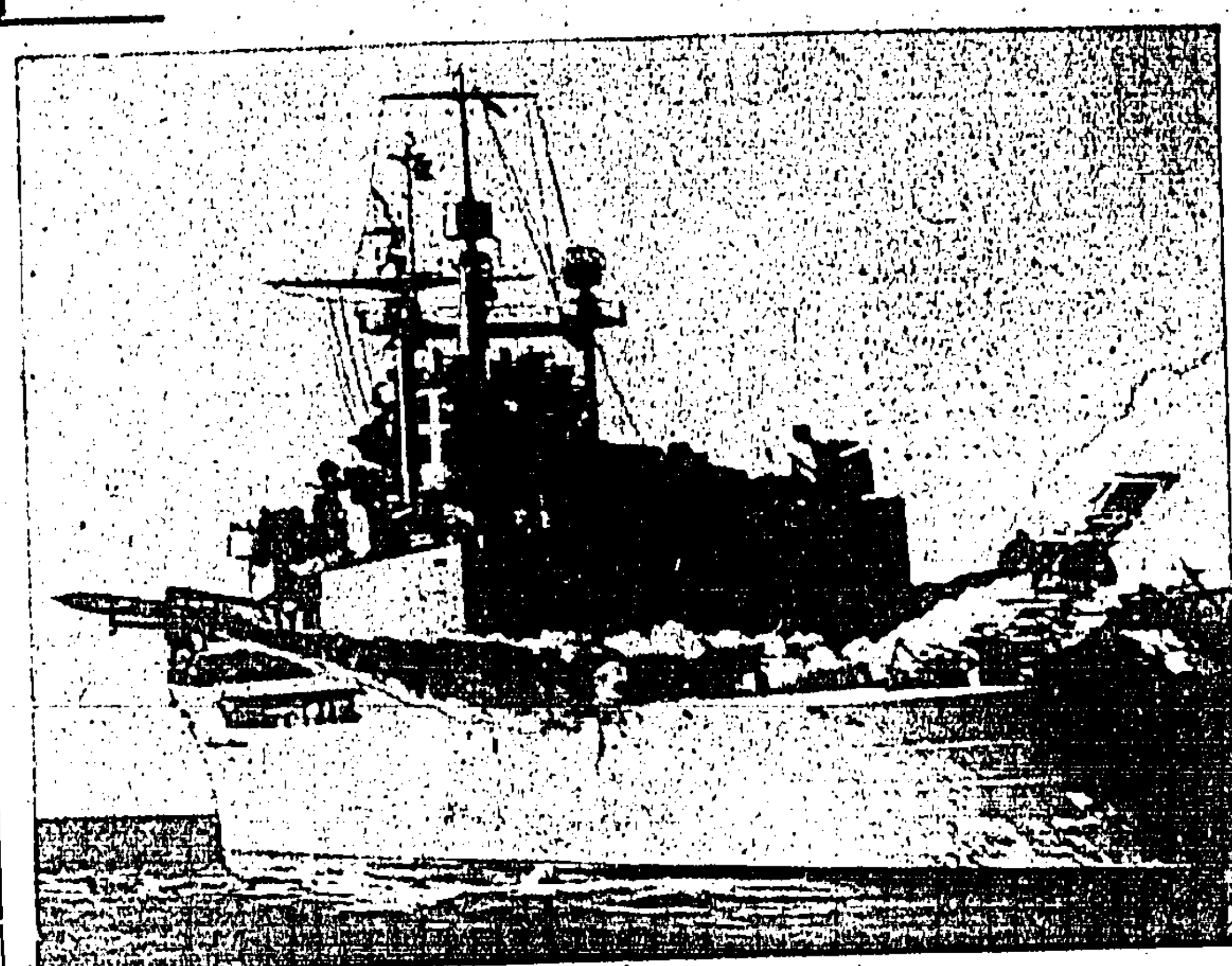
Washington, Mar. 29.—The Government today asked foreign delegates to the New York "peace conference" to go home "as soon as possible."

The State and Justice Departments made it clear that the United States did not want the delegates roaming around the country. The Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, notified immigration officials in New York that foreign delegates to the left wing conference must leave as soon as they can make arrangements.

Earlier, the State Department had notified the Communist delegates to the cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace that their visas did not permit them to attend the proposed series of meetings in other cities in the United States. The Department said, in notes to the delegates' countries, that it was assumed "within a reasonable period" after the New York conference, which ended last week-end.

The Justice Department was more specific. It told delegates that their country was finished and they were expected to go home.—United Press.

## LOON LAUNCHED FROM SHIP AT SEA



The Loon heads out to sea (at left) as this American version of the German buzz bomb is launched from the USS Norton Sound, a sea-plane tender, off the South American coast. The Loon bomb trails smoke across the deck. Projecting from the deck (right) is a bomb launching ramp. The ramp used for the Loon is hidden by smoke.—AP Picture.

## UK May Ban Export Of Military Materials

London, Mar. 29.—Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, may lay down new export restrictions on goods of potential military value this week.

The new measures would follow questions in the United States Senate last week about the British trade policy with Eastern Europe, and the appeals of Opposition Members of Parliament to stop the flow of exports of possible military value to the Soviet satellite States.

In his statement on March 24, which set off the controversy, Mr. Wilson said that British trade with Eastern Europe was "guided by consideration of economic advantage."

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said that the Government had decided to impose controls on certain exports of strategic value indicating that he had discussed a schedule of such goods with the British treaty power's Foreign Ministers.

The Commonwealth and United States Governments have also been consulted, but Britain's action is not dependent on other countries.—Reuter.

## Protest Against Gaoling Of GIs

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After the sentences were publicly announced today, the Embassy learned by telephone from the Foreign Ministry that a Czech note was in preparation, giving the Czech version of the arrests and convictions.

The Ministry promised that arrangements would be made for an Embassy official to see the two men next week.

It is the first case of its kind affecting Americans in Czechoslovakia since the end of the war. One other American soldier who entered the country without leave is now nearing the end of a prison sentence for stealing an automobile. This case occurred before the Communists came into power.—Reuter.

## Woman Who Drank Atomic Energy

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An expert in radio-isotopes at the Medical Research Council told me—

"It is possible that Mrs. Wells had some effect on the car. The gamma rays from the iodine do produce electric conductivity in the air."

"They could, if emanating from the patient, by-pass the current from the coil to the cylinder head instead of through the spark gap. Much would depend upon other factors, such as the dryness of the atmosphere under the bonnet."

"It is not likely to happen often. Many attempts have been made to find a ray which will put engines out of action, and you can be sure that the effect of gamma-rays has not been overlooked."

## "Lancer" Action Switches To NT

### ENEMY CAPTURES PING SHAN POLICE STATION

Interest in "Operation Lancer" has now switched to the New Territories. Disturbances on the island were presumed to have been quelled last night.

The following communique was issued to the Press at 9.45 this morning:

Increased efforts by the enemy in the Ping Shan area resulted in their capturing the Ping Shan Police Station at 8 a.m. today. This area appears to be the main centre of enemy activity.

Two to three thousand of the enemy, with two light field guns, are reported to be operating further south on the Castle Peak Road. Hostile parties have blown up a bridge near Tsun Wan. Our troops are altering their disposition in order to meet the new situation.

With the situation normal again on the island, we have been able to send more troops to the New Territories. When regrouping is completed, attacks will be launched against the enemy. The Navy will support these attacks with bombardments from the sea.

Last night the Navy patrolled the New Territories coast. Earlier in the day—at 3.30 p.m.—HMS London bombarded enemy positions near Ping Shan.

Up at dawn, the RAF continued reconnaissance work and strafed enemy concentrations on the ground. The enemy's air force was also patrolling, but they have not so far attacked any of our troops.

## European Parliament Conference

London, Mar. 29.—The 10-nation conference drafting a Constitution for Europe's first Parliament considered at their meeting here today proposals on the number of delegates to the Assembly.

The proposals on the size of the delegations are tentatively based on recommendations from the Preparatory Commission for the Council of Europe drafted by the five Western European powers.

Under the proposals, Luxembourg would have no more than three members in the Assembly, the size of Denmark would be four and 10, and Britain and France between 15 and 20.

The conference opened yesterday at the Foreign Office in London, with the five Western European powers joined by five newcomers—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Italy and Elre.

It is believed that the plan to limit the size of the Assembly has been causing concern among the States voicing their views for the first time, because it is feared the smaller nations might be unable to have all their political parties represented.

The Council also tackled the future admission of new members, particularly Greece, which has already applied to join Turkey and Iceland.

Tomorrow, after the conclusion of the general debate, committees are to be set up to study in more detail the main issues already applied to join Turkey and Iceland.

The envelope was found inside another sealed cover which had been 20 years in Morgan's Bank, Paris, and was opened last week under a Court order.—Reuter.

## Panamanian Ships To Be Boycotted?

Baltimore (Maryland), Mar. 29.—Members of the 5,000,000-strong International Transport Workers' Federation, whose headquarters are in London, were reported today to be planning a world boycott of all ships sailing under the flags of Panama and Honduras.

The Federation is a worldwide organisation of seamen, dockers, longshoremen and transportation workers. Maritime unions of the American Federation of Labour are affiliated.

Mr. Harry Lundenberg, President of the Federation of Labour Seafarers—International Union, told the opening session of the Union's biennial convention that the transfer of American vessels to the flags of Panama and Honduras meant that seamen were no longer protected by American laws.

Mr. Lundenberg said that dockers and transport workers were ready to refuse to handle transport cargoes carried under Panamanian and Honduran flags. The Federation of Longshoremen and Teamsters were ready to back up the seamen in this fight.

The international boycott would be instituted on a given date to be fixed soon all over the world, he said.

Panamanian and Honduran ships would be picked at every port, and this would be the signal for seamen to refuse to load and unload all vessels flying their flags.—Reuter.

## Forceps Left In Woman After Operation

London, Mar. 29.—A 69-year-old woman, who died in London hospital, lived for two and a half years with surgical forceps in her abdomen, left there after an operation.

At today's inquest, the coroner recorded a verdict that the woman, Mrs. Rhoda Bacon, died accidentally. A surgeon of the hospital, where Mrs. Bacon was operated on in August 1946, said he had performed 3,000 operations and had never heard of an instrument or swab being lost.

There was no record of forceps being missed at the time.—Reuter.

## PADEREWSKI'S WILL FOUND?

Paris, Mar. 29.—A Paris court today ordered that a sealed envelope, believed to contain the will of the late Ignace Paderewski, pianist and one-time Polish Prime Minister, should be opened this week in the presence of representatives of the claimants to the estate.

The envelope was found inside another sealed cover which had been 20 years in Morgan's Bank, Paris, and was opened last week under a Court order.—Reuter.

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## OUTWARD MAILS

With effect from April 1, the postage for total letters and postcards will be increased as follows:—Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territories: 10 cents for each letter and 5 cents for each postcard. Copies of the Colonies Annual Report, 1948, price 6s are on sale at the General Post Office, Hongkong, and at the General Post Office, London. The Colonies Annual Report, 1948, price 6s are on sale at the General Post Office, Hongkong, and at the General Post Office, London. The Colonies Annual Report, 1948, price 6s are on sale at the General Post Office, Hongkong, and at the General Post Office, London.

## Radio Hongkong

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

# HEAH & TEOH REACH FINAL OF SENIOR DOUBLES

Displaying a wider command of strokes than yet demonstrated by any combination in the Colony Badminton Championships this year, H. T. Heah and T. B. Tioh fought their way yesterday into the Senior Doubles final by overcoming Bill Gillies & S. Saul in two hard-fought sets which were played without a single second's let-up throughout the whole match. The score was 15-8, 17-15.

Heah proved himself a first-rate player with his command of strokes—smashes and drives from any angle—both on the backhand and the forehand. One stroke of his, which was brought into action last evening, caught the eye. It was a deceptive stroke which begins as though intended for a smash from the backcourt but ends with the shuttle just crossing over the net.

Teoh gave Heah great support but was inclined to mis-hit in the fierce rallies which featured the game.

Saul was outstanding with his kills at the net while Gillies, outstanding at times, lost many points through mishits.

The game started off at a fast pace, which was maintained during the half-an-hour the game lasted. Heah's smashing attack forced the KCC pair on to the defensive, but whenever there was a lull they took the opportunity to put the shuttle away for a point.

Gillies & Saul obtained a lead of 4-0 in the first game through mistakes by Teoh but the Varsity pair fought back level the score 6-6 by smashes and drops and went into a lead of 14-7 when Teoh revealed his repertoire of strokes.

At this point Heah & Teoh showed perfect understanding of each other's game and their footwork and positioning play was excellent.

Heah won game point at 14-8 when he returned a cord dropshot from Saul which also hit the cord and just fell over.

The second game found Gillies & Saul leading 9-2 when Heah & Teoh took the lead 14-7 when Heah brought his deceptive dropshot strokes from the backcourt into action and forced the KCC pair into errors.

At 14-11 Gillies & Saul had four services on which to win the vital point, but failed.

With Teoh making kills at the net and Heah smashing from the back the game was decided.

With two fierce smashes Saul obtained the service and led 1-0 when Heah netted an attempted drop. However Heah & Teoh were not to be denied and, winning back the shuttle, settled the game and match with fine placements and smashes which forced the KCC pair into errors.

**LADIES' SINGLES**  
Miss Murgie Xavier put up a plucky display against Miss Ullan Khoo but bowed before experience. The young Recreio player attempted every shot and never gave up trying. Miss Khoo was in tip-top form and her placements were made with great accuracy. She won the match 11-4, 6-0.

**JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES**  
The "family" combination of J. A. Soares & Mrs. Melvise Soares showed excellent understanding to win their way into the final at the expense of A. J. Gonsalves & Miss Gloria Silva 12-15, 15-5, 15-8.

Both the ladies played a flawless game in the forecourt.

**HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
The following are the Hongkong Hockey Association fixtures for the week-end:

**SATURDAY**  
YMCA v HK Police, King's Park (Y.M.C.A.) 3 p.m. Umpire: J. S. Grewal-Mahajan Singh.  
Club de Recreio v Dockyard RC, King's Park, 3.20 p.m. Umpire: P. K. Xavier-S. B. P. O. Yeomans.

**SUNDAY**  
IAAF v HK Police, Match Postponed.  
Cable & Wireless v Civil Service, King's Park (H.N.C. 2) 10 a.m. Umpire: A. M. Silva-D. S. M. Gonsalves.  
Army v Dockyard RC, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpire: G. T. Palmer-Yeo.  
Siga Gater, Dockyard, RC, King's Park (H.N.C. 1) 10.30 a.m. Umpire: F. Xavier-J. H. Blinco.  
Navy v University, Match Postponed.

Club de Recreio v YMCA King's Park 10 a.m. Umpire: E. R. A. Miller-Capt. Chinnell.  
All umpires are requested to confirm their presence (3000) Ext. 117 before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results as soon as possible after the match.

**LEAGUE TABLE**

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with each of them making kills and interceptions in turn. It was the men who decided the match and although Gonsalves' smash won the initial game he failed to maintain the early pace and tired visibly in the second and third games, allowing Mrs. Soares to make easy kills and placements at the net while Soares smashed winners down the sidelines.

**JUNIOR MEN'S SINGLES**  
Both D. C. Lau and K. P. Chong were in fine fettle in their match against each other but again Lau's superior command of strokes saw him through to the final 15-7, 15-12.

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## Tsui Brothers Win Easily

By "RECORDER"

The Tsui brothers entered the final of the Colony Open Grasscourt Doubles Championship when they disposed of Roch Leung and Kwok Hing-chung by a score of 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at the HKCC yesterday afternoon.

The result came as a surprise to many who had seen the sparkling show put up by Leung and Kwok against Ayres and Jones in the quarter-final. They were expected to extend the Tsuis if not beat them.

The match started yesterday with Leung and Kwok running into a 3-0 lead in the first set, only to win four more games out of the next 22.

For their defeat, Leung and Kwok were largely at fault. Had they used the same lobbing tactics that defeated Ayres & Jones, they would still have been unlikely to beat the Tsuis on their form of yesterday but they would at least have extended them.

Yesterday's match was largely a net duel and, if Leung is not bad at the net game and Kwok too is no novice, the Tsui brothers are immeasurably superior as they proved only too conclusively.

The Tsuis' easy road to victory in the match was also contributed to by the fact that the younger Tsui particularly was in devastating form with his overhead smashes and his service. In one love game, heaced the opposition three times in a row.

Leung and Kwok, on the other hand, were quite definitely off form. The spirit went out of their game after the Tsuis took six games in a row in the first set after losing the first three.

**TONIGHT'S MATCH**  
In the second Doubles semi-final this afternoon, weather permitting, Ip Koon-hung, new Open Singles champion, partnered by Lee Wai-tong, meet Lee Boon-sing, the Java player, and T. T. Chen, formerly of Shanghai.

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**Wightman Cup**  
New York, Mar. 28.—This year's Wightman Cup tennis matches will be played on September 9 and 10 at Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, Pennsylvania, which is near Philadelphia.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association says that American women players will be chosen after the regional singles championships from August 28 to September 5.

It is the first time that an American site other than Forest Hills has been chosen, but the heavy schedule at Forest Hills caused the change.

—United Press.

**Women's Test Match**  
Auckland, Mar. 29.—England beat New Zealand by 185 runs today in a women's Test cricket match. The final scorecard read: England 204 and 104 for seven declared, New Zealand 61 and 122.—Reuter.

**Basketball League**  
Results of League Basketball matches played at Caroline Hill last night were:  
"A" Division—South China AA beat Swatow Overseas 49-20.  
"B" Division—Ling Ying School beat South China Morning Post 40-10; Ning Chung beat Chinese Reporters 30-30.

**Rugger Results**  
London, Mar. 29.—The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played today: Falmouth 6, Cross Keys 3; Torquay Athletic 3, Barnstaple 6.—Reuter.

**Mister Conquest**

IS MISS NICOLA ON BOARD THIS STRIPPY?

IS THIS A HABIT OF YOURS, NICOLA?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

SOMETHING YOUR BROTHER WAS TALKING TO ME ABOUT FOR ME.

Y-YES... WELL... NO... TELL ME ANYTHING MORE.

## IT ISN'T CRICKET



The contraption pictured above has nothing to do with cricket, though it could, of course, be used as well in the English game.

It is called a "ball tosser" and, in keeping with the Machine Age, has been designed to provide practice for outfielders who are weak on the "high fly," sharpening up their "butter fingers."

Here Cleveland Indians Steve O'Neill, Bob Feller and Tris Speaker are testing it at Tucson, Arizona. The Indians are, as we can see from their uniforms, baseballers.

**JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN**

## No Support For The Rugby League Tests

Well, the Rugby League boys have had their day-out in town and, hard as it comes, we fear we must confess that they have a great old game there—so long as they bring their own supporters along with them.

Not that the Wembley international with France wasn't a good game. It was—a good, fast, open, sporting game that, the longer it went on, bit more and more on the enthusiasm of the 15,000 crowd of variegated enthusiasts and Union observers.

But alas, it just failed to come off as the spectacle its promoters hoped, and the pity is that, when all the dyed-in-the-wool Northerners who will come to Wembley for the Rugby League Cup Final have been accommodated, there will be little room for the convertibles who would form a support nucleus in the South.

Nevertheless, dynamic Bill Ellwood, Rugby League secretary, still cherishes his hopes. He had, among his guests, "Doug" Prentice, secretary of the R.F.U., Arthur Oakley, of the F.A. and League hierarchy, and Fred Howarth, Football League secretary, all of whom left with joyed the tough, cheery game that would have had the average Soccer player swooning even to watch.

Naturally, Paul Barriere, president of the French League, was delighted. His boys—average age 23, and not a slow-coach one are a shiner in the thirteen—had won 12-5 and left themselves only Wales to beat in Marseilles for the title, and they are backed all over France by hordes of amateur juniors, all clamouring for representation.

**HOME AGAIN**  
So Joe Davis is back again this week from his travels in the West Indies and in the U.S., full of admiration for his American counterpart, Willie Hoppe, the three-cushion cannon king. He is willing to take the American on here at their own game, and also to play Willie Smith at both billiards and snooker in May—a consummation, bringing two of the more superb of the games' showmen together, devotedly to be wished. He is also talking about having Peter Mans, the county, Willie Hoppe, the three-cushion cannon king, He is willing to take the American on here at their own game, and also to play Willie Smith at both billiards and snooker in May—a consummation, bringing two of the more superb of the games' showmen together, devotedly to be wished. 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# 1000 Taiwan Students In Protest Parade

Taipei, Mar. 30.—Approximately 1,000 students of the National Taiwan University staged a demonstration parade on March 21 and surrounded the Taiwan police bureau building in protest against the arrest of two fellow students for violating traffic regulations. This is the first student demonstration of such magnitude in Taiwan.

The preceding afternoon a student, carrying another student on his bicycle, was stopped by a policeman. A fight ensued. The two were taken to the police station.

Later, 400 students rushed to the station demanding an apology. After finding the Police Commissioner absent they returned the next day.

The dispute was settled after Commissioner Liu Chen-lih apologized.—Associated Press.

## CURRENCY INFLATION

Taipei, Mar. 30.—Taiwan currency, which has been relatively stable during the past four years compared with the national Chinese currency, is now undergoing rapid inflation.

The note issue of the Taiwan Bank has reached TW\$200,000,000, in addition to huge numbers of cash orders which are flooding the money market.

The issue is about four times what it was last August before throngs of refugees from the mainland arrived.

Aggravating the situation further is another TW\$200,000,000 which the Taiwan Bank has put aside to finance refining of the present sugar crop.

Officials are hopeful the sugar output will increase and will bring sufficient income to help to offset the inflation, but a good many financial people take the opposite view.

The total output of government-operated enterprises, which include sugar, never have exceeded 55 percent of the pre-war average, and some of the island's products have not found a ready market.

This year's estimated total sugar output of 45,000 tons has found no buyer yet.

The acceleration of inflation has boosted food costs, even in this rich food-producing area. Rice recently climbed to almost three times higher than the Shanghai rice price.

(Shanghai rice prices are somewhat controlled by ECA's rice rationing programme).

Governor Chen Cheng admits that lately he has devoted almost all his attention to the island's economic difficulties.—Associated Press.

## LOW WATER RESERVES

Taipei, Mar. 30.—Two-thirds of this provincial island face a power blackout unless heavy rains fall within the next two weeks.

Taiwan is experiencing one of its driest years in almost a century, and water reserves, which

provide the power for the island's industries and power plants, are dangerously low.

Sun-Moon Lake, which provides water for two-thirds of the island's hydraulic generators, has less than six feet of water.

Only half of this can be used for generating power.

Weather experts predict rain, but they are not optimistic. They say rains now may help to maintain the present water level.

But the present practice of allowing only four hours of electricity daily for households will have to continue.

Reservoirs now hold only five percent of their normal capacity, and Taiwan's rainy season is not due for several months.

**FORESTS BURNED**  
Agriculture and forestry and water conservancy officials do not blame the present water shortage entirely on the absence of heavy rains.

Reckless burning of forests and indiscriminate use of timber reserves have been contributing factors, they said.

Some forest areas have been left barren, with as much as five years' timber production lost to rot.

Strict laws prohibiting this destruction of forests are established, officials say, Taiwan's entire irrigation system will be ruined in five years.

Without conservation laws, there will be floods during the rainy season and drought, the rest of the year, they predict.

The provincial government has now begun to take steps to preserve the forests. Meanwhile, the weather has become an important topic of conversation here.—Associated Press.

## HYDERABAD BRIGADIER ON TRIAL

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## NORWAY TO SIGN

Oslo, Mar. 29.—The Norwegian Parliament tonight voted in favour of Norway signing the North Atlantic Pact. The voting was 130 for and 13 against. Seven of the 150 Representatives were absent.

The contrary votes were cast by two Labour members and the 11 Communists.

Parliament had before it an unanimous report from the Special Committee for Defence and Foreign Affairs recommending that the country should enter the Pact. The Communists were not represented on this Committee.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. Halvard Lange, will be in the United States in time for the signing ceremony in Washington on Monday. He is leaving on Thursday to head the Norwegian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, which opens at Lake Success on Tuesday.—Reuter.

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# De Gaulle Will Press Claim For New Elections

Paris, Mar. 29.—The Rally of the French People (RFP) would continue to press its claim for new Parliamentary elections, General Charles de Gaulle, the leader of the party, declared at a press conference here today.

He was discussing the results of the departmental elections held last week. General de Gaulle said the Communists had not lost votes in the elections. "The grave thing is that the situation remains unchanged," he continued, adding that the Third Force grouping of parties supporting the government of the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, "does not in fact exist."

These political parties were hindering the French people from rallying round himself. On the Atlantic Pact, General de Gaulle said: "Given the fact that we are in the age of atomic bombs, nuclear jet planes and long range planes, one cannot tell how the aggressors might attack in case of aggression by a certain totalitarian country."

"The liberation by force of Western Europe and especially France would leave these countries devastated," he added.

**CAPITAL ERROR**  
"I consider it a capital error to centre Western defence on Britain. It was an enormous historic and strategic blunder. It is necessary for the Western States to be truly re-armed. There must be detailed military agreement—not necessarily made public—regarding the support to be sent immediately to France if she were to be ineffective in the pact unless there is a French national defence."

The defence of Western Europe should be centred on France, he added. "There will be no agreement between France and Germany if under one form or another it becomes another Reich," the general continued. "Germany should take the form of a federation. Then we can turn towards Russia and try once and for all to remake Europe. That is the programme."

The general expressed strong support for the Atlantic Pact, which he described as "a very happy manifestation of intention."

"I can only salute the meritorious and healthy efforts the Americans are making to overcome the traditional trend towards isolationism," he added.

General de Gaulle expressed some surprise that the terms of the pact included only Algeria in North Africa, but did not extend to Tunis and Morocco. If the signatories had any "mental reservations on this subject," they had better forget them, he added. But he refused to define his point.

Returning the Atlantic Pact, General de Gaulle said: "It is of capital importance that the world should know that the United States, with its great economic potential and also with its moral ideals, should be decided on the principal of war in case of aggression."

"But we do not consider that this exhausts the subject. The states of Western Europe, and especially France, consider that should aggression take place they are bound to be pre-occupied about the aid that could effectively be given them to avoid invasion."

He again called for the re-arming of Western Europe as a deterrent to an aggressor. "Before judging the Atlantic Pact from a defence point of view, I consider we must wait to see what happens in the way of rearmament and the exact agreements on strategy in the event of aggression."—Reuter.

## Dr Sukiman Back In Jogjakarta

Batavia, Mar. 29.—Dr Sukiman, leader of the strongest Republican right wing party (the all-Moslem Masjumi Party) has emerged from his East Java hide-out and is now back in Jogjakarta.

An official Dutch source today said that Dr Sukiman was freed after an investigation, in accordance with the government policy that "Republicans have the same rights as other citizens."

Dr Sukiman was Interior Minister in the Republican Cabinet of Dr Mohamad Hatta until the Dutch military action in December.

He escaped capture and joined other Republican leaders in an East Java mountain hide-out. Dr Sukiman was known to be strongly anti-Dutch before the military action, and influenced the Masjumi Party accordingly.

Units of the Republicans' crack Siliwangi division are now entrusted with keeping law and order in several areas south and east of Bandung. Although the Dutch Army remains silent on the subject, travellers confirm unofficial reports that the Dutch agreed to let Republican soldiers control the estate of the rich Pengalengan highlands, 20 miles south of the Bandung, as well as the Tasikmalaya, Tjilams and Tjijewed areas further east.

**DUTCH SCHEME**  
Republican units are reported to have been left in possession of their arms and are serving under their own officers, who are directly responsible to the Dutch Supreme Command.

## POCKET CARTOON



"There's an unlicensed set being operated in the vicinity..."

## SOLDIER PAYS FULL PENALTY

Birmingham, Mar. 29.—James Farrell, 18-year-old British soldier, was hanged at dawn today for the murder of a 14-year-old girl whom he met in a cinema.

As the trap was sprung, an elderly man in the crowd outside Birmingham Prison gates shouted: "Down with capital punishment. It's a disgrace."

Farrell met an attractive schoolgirl, Joan Marney, in a local farmhouse and, after taking her to a park, strangled her.—United Press.

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## Philippines Aid Being Considered

Washington, Mar. 29.—High U.S. military sources said today that the Chief of Staff, Gen. Omar Bradley, and other members of the Combined Chiefs of Staff are considering further military assistance to the Philippines.

However, no decisions have been reached so far, they added. One source said Gen. Albert Jones, Chief of U.S. American Combined Military Mission in the Philippines, has made recommendations on the Republic's military needs to the Army's high officials. Gen. Jones is now in Washington.

"Gen. Jones made recommendations according to his views of the islands' needs and capacity to maintain establishments," said the source, who declined to be named.

"Gen. Jones' recommendations also were made in the light of the world-wide obligations of the United States and its military commitments."

The source denied Manila rumours that decisions have been made on what future military assistance the United States is going to extend to the Philippines.

"Philippines aid is part and parcel of global considerations," the source continued. "What decisions on island requests or when they will be made it not possible to determine at present."

The Army indicated that Gen. Jones will remain here until April 15, when his duties as chief of the Philippine Mission expire. What duties he will assume thereafter appears uncertain.

Gen. Jones has indicated he is considering retirement. Lt.-Col. M. E. Sparks, Gen. Jones' aide, indicated he will probably return to Manila shortly.—Associated Press.

## Murder Of Dr Supeno Alleged

London, Mar. 29.—The Indonesian Office in London alleged today that Dr Supeno, the 28-year-old Minister for Reconstruction in the Republican Emergency Government, had been "murdered" by Dutch troops in Java.

The announcement stated: "Dr Supeno was captured by Dutch troops during a Dutch attack on Duluh, near Jogjakarta. He was questioned, but steadfastly refused to give any information on the whereabouts of his colleagues. The Dutch troops then shot him through the head."—Reuter.

## MANY DIFFICULTIES

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# Clamour For Pacific Pact Grows In China

Shanghai, Mar. 30.—If there is going to be a Pacific pact, the Chinese want to participate in it. Chinese government officials have been quick in urging the U.S. State Department to start something in the Orient like the Atlantic pact. They feel they have a living excuse for founding of a regional defence system.

The Reds now in North China are able to push south as far as they want, some Chinese say. In this they have had the authoritative backing of Major-General David Barr, former chief of the American Advisory Group in China, who this week told a Congress committee that there is no line of defence south of the Yangtze River and that the Nationalist Army cannot materially oppose the Reds.

Leading Chinese newspapers now add their voices to the demand for a Pacific pact. Despite the crisis in the Government's affairs, papers on the Nationalist side found time and space to comment on the Atlantic treaty and to put in a plea for a Pacific alliance.

The Tung Nan Jih Pao, organ for South China interests, holds that an Oriental line-up would more than offset the United States' more than its Occidental counterpart, but appealed to America to "salvage" its standing in the Far East.

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It said: "The nations in the East also vie with one

another in securing the leadership of Asia. Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru, for example, "is most zealous in the leadership sweepstakes. He resents the initiative taken by such countries as the Philippines and Australia," says the paper, declaring that Pacific pact problems would differ in atmosphere from that of the formation of the Atlantic pact.

**BREWING FOR MONTHS**  
The Shun Pao, Kungmingtang party paper, said the Pacific pact "has been brewing for several months." The British were well ahead in the work, the paper said. They daily hinted that Premier Nehru's recent British Dominion conference, called "outwardly to discuss Burma troubles and in reality to debate the regional security of South-east Asia."

At the same time, said the Shun Pao, Australian Foreign Secretary Herbert Evatt, "has also strongly advocated the formation of a Southeast Asia of Western Union to resist alien aggression. Mr. Evatt added that Australia is ready to lead in the movement to resist Communism in Southeast Asia."

At the recent Australasian defence conference at Canberra, said the Shun Pao, Lord Lis-ke, special envoy of the British Cabinet, reported that formation of a Pacific alliance had become "more concrete." The paper added that Atlantic pact ratification came first, and plans for the Pacific are being temporarily shelved.

**PART OF CHAIN**  
An interpretation that the Atlantic pact is only part of a new defence chain—an idea borne out by current political observation in Washington—came from the Chung Yang Jih Pao, another government paper. The Atlantic pact is not an end, but a beginning, says the Chung Yang. More regional pacts will follow with the purpose of "restoring the balance of power between East and West."

Western criticism, which complained that the pact bypassed the United Nations, is echoed in Nationalist China. One newspaper, the hitherto independent Ta Kung Pao, saw the Atlantic pact as "an instrument to consolidate British and American hegemony." The paper brought in Wall Street, "imperialists," fascist Portugal and Spain, and other items in the Marxist glossary in its survey of the pact.

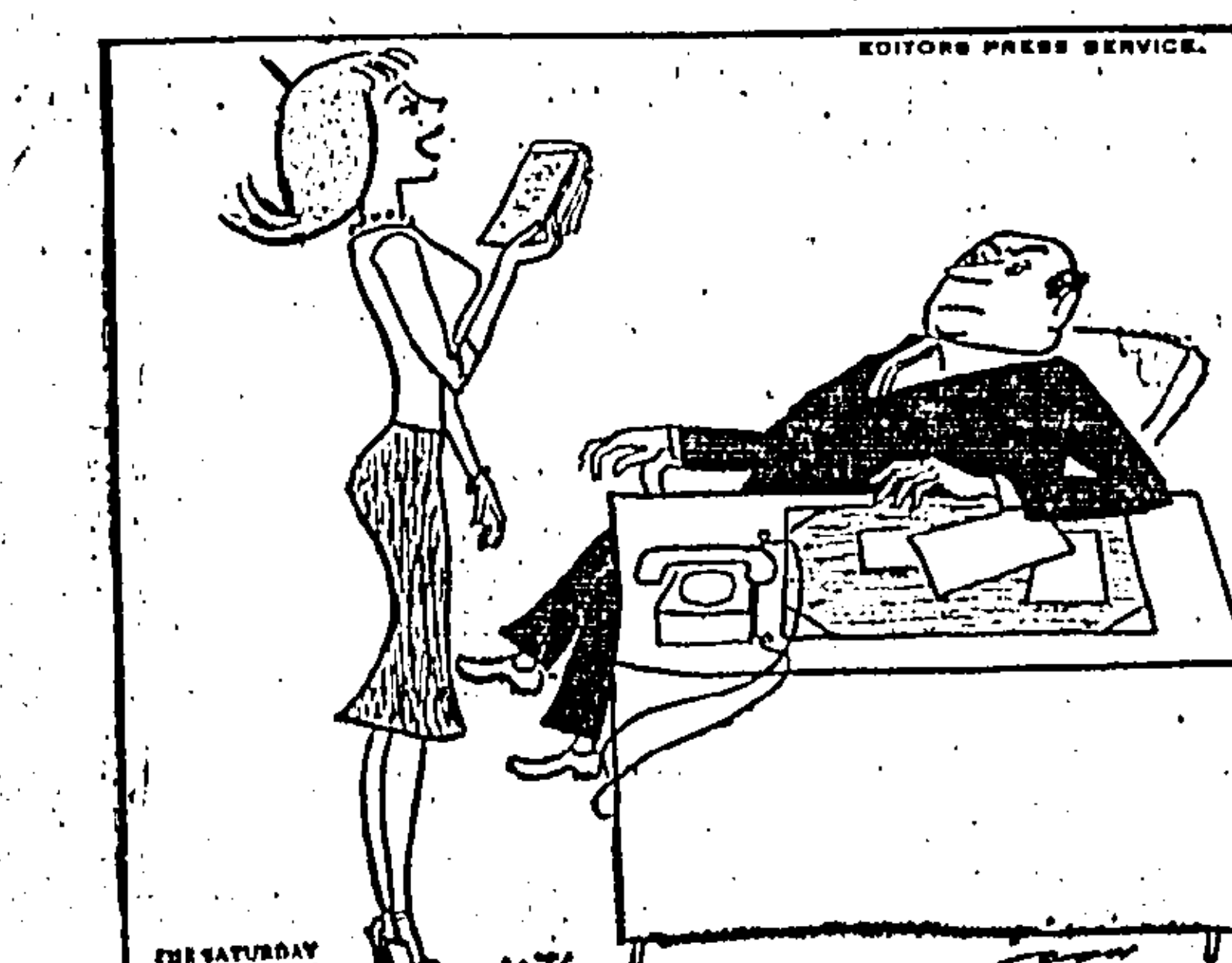
The tone was in contrast to that of a Chinese daily that said: "If a way to peace and compromise can be found under a balance of power, the world will be ready to trust it."—Associated Press.

## SHINWELL REPLIES

London, Mar. 29.—Four British guerrillas ambushed by guerrillas in Malaya on January 19 "were killed while on military duty in aiding the civil power," the War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Shinwell gave details of the ambush at the request of Air Commodore, V. Harcourt, Conservative, who charged that one of the victims, Gunner C. M. Bailey, had been sent into jungle warfare without adequate training.

Mr. Shinwell denied the statement, and said that all of them had had military service before going to Malaya and had had from two and a half to thirteen months' experience in Malaya before the ambush.—Associated Press.



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